

From: Ed (038) Lesa Seibold
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/20/02 9:32pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

828 NE Emily Lane

Lees Summit, MO 64086

January 18, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to praise you and the rest of the Justice Department for reaching a settlement of the Microsoft antitrust litigation. I hope you move forward and resolve the case as soon as possible.

I certainly don't know every aspect of the settlement, and I most certainly have no detailed allegations of the antitrust laws Microsoft is alleged to have violated. It appears that Microsoft will open its Windows systems to more competition, both internally and externally, from non-Microsoft software designers and manufacturers, and that answers the complaint I most frequently heard. I think it is time for everyone to stop wasting time in Court and money on lawyers and get back to work.

A compromise by its very nature means that the parties don't get everything they want. Please ignore the whiners and the carpers and close this matter immediately.

Thank you for the opportunity to address this issue.

Sincerely,

Edward Seibold